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Dear Sir/Madam,

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: NEWID DEFNYDD O GARTREF GOFAL PRESWYL (DOSBARTH C2) I HOSTEL I BOBL DDIGARTREF (SUI GENERIS) / CHANGE OF USE FROM RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME (CLASS C2) TO A HOMELESS HOSTEL (SUI GENERIS)

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: 36 CHESTER ROAD, WREXHAM, LL11 2SD

Thank you for consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales about the above, which we received on 11th November 2021.

We have no objection to the proposed development as submitted and provide the following advice.

Protected Species

We note that there is no information about protected species with the application and, therefore, are assuming that your Authority has screened the application and concluded that there is not a reasonable likelihood of protected species being present.

Foul Drainage and Protected Sites

We note the application site is within the catchment of the River Dee and Bala Lake Special Area of Conservation (SAC). As you are aware, on the 21st January 2021, we published an evidence package outlining phosphorus levels for all river SACs across Wales. As part of this package, we issued a [Planning Position Statement](#), in which we advised that any proposed development that might increase the amount of phosphate (or phosphorus) within a river SAC catchment could lead to damaging effects to the SAC. Therefore, such proposals should be screened through a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), to determine whether they are likely to have a significant effect on the SAC.

However, recognising the specific nature of the application submitted in relation to the change of use and no changes to the floor plans as outlined in your email dated 15th November 2021 we are satisfied that it is unlikely to increase the amount of phosphorus entering the catchment. Therefore, we are satisfied that the proposal is not likely to have a significant effect on the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC.

Other Matters

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our [website](#). We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our [website](#) for further details.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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